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In re Application of	:	
Visser et al.	:	
Application No. 10/567,172	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 3, 2006	:	
Attorney Docket No. US03 0276 US2	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 5, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 6, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 18, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a response to the Restriction Requirement, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620.00 and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Further, 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Additionally, it is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute this patent. In

accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571)272-7751.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2863 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

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